

ORDINANCE NO. 10-10

INTRODUCED BY: Donna S. S. S. **DATE:** Jan 18, 2010

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 OF TIFFIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING AND INCREASING FEES FOR ADMINISTERING AND MONITORING ALARM SYSTEMS IN THE CITY AND MODIFYING PROVISIONS REGARDING ALARM PERMITS ISSUED BY THE CITY.

The Council of the City of Tiffin, Ohio finds: Chapter 142 of the Tiffin Codified Ordinances establishes a requirement for alarm permits before alarms are installed. The City issues more than 200 permits each year. There is a service fee established for instances when a permit holder's alarm activates three or more false alarms within a calendar year. The cost of administering and monitoring these alarms involves time and materials that the City provides without charge. The City should charge a permit fee to recover some of those costs. The police department, fire/rescue division and city administrator's office all invest time in overseeing the operation of the alarm system, the permits, violations, alarm activations, and the constant 24 hour per day monitoring. The Law and Community Planning Committee recommends passage of this Ordinance.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFFIN, OHIO THEREFORE ORDAINS:

Section 1: Sections 142.02(a), 142.04(a), 142.05(a), and 142.10 of Tiffin Codified Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

142.02 PERMIT REQUIRED

(a) No person, firm, association, or other entity shall install or have installed any alarm system within the City unless a valid permit for such issued under provisions of this chapter is in effect, and the person, firm, association, or other entity has paid the annual permit fee of \$25.00.

142.04 PERMIT RENEWAL

(a) All permits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be renewed annually. Permits issued will be valid for one year from date of issuance unless otherwise noted on permit. Application for permit renewal shall be made on an original application form. Private residence alarm application renewal forms will be mailed by the City in April of the application year and shall be returned to the Fire/Rescue Division by June 30th of application year.

142.05 PERMIT REVOCATION

(a) The City Administrator may revoke any permit issued under provisions of this chapter for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Providing false information of a substantive nature on the application for permit or renewal
- (2) Failing to pay fees for false alarms or failure to respond within forty-five days of the invoicing date.
- (3) Repeated or flagrant failure to comply with alarm response procedures of the Police Department or Fire/Rescue Division.
- (4) Activation of six or more false alarms or false alarms in such a quantity as to interfere with the operations of the Police Department or Fire/Rescue Division to a significant degree.
- (5) No one named on the alarm permit responds or is unable to be contracted by the City, three or more times.

142.10 FALSE ALARM/FAILURE TO RESPOND FEES

After the first two chargeable false alarms (to be determined by the City Administrator) during any calendar year, a service fee shall be charged to the alarm user for false alarms to which the Police Department or Fire/Rescue Division are required to respond in accordance with their standard operating procedures. The fee schedule shall read as follows:

<u>False Alarms</u>	<u>Fee</u>
3 rd	\$40.00
4 th	\$60.00
5 th	\$80.00, with a further requirement that the system has been repaired or that personnel have been trained on how to disconnect the system.
6 th	\$120.00 plus revocation of permit.

After the 6th false alarm, the City shall charge the alarm user \$120.00 for each occurrence.

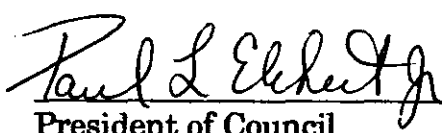
The service fees shall be invoiced monthly through the office of the Fire/Rescue Division and are due within thirty days after invoicing. A service fee may be waived by the City Administrator for good cause shown.

(b) There shall be an additional thirty dollars (\$30.00) fee if the total response time for any call is more than thirty minutes. A thirty dollar (\$30.00) fee shall be charged for each additional thirty minutes.

(c) If the City's dispatcher is unable to contact one of the three individuals on the contact list on two consecutive alarms, then a failure to respond fee will be charged as follows: \$40.00 for the first occurrence, \$80.00 for the second occurrence, and revocation for the third occurrence.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

Authenticated:



President of Council

and



Clerk of Council

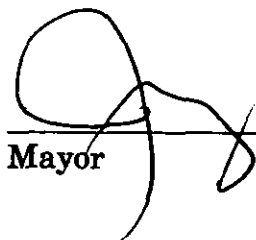
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